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Via ECF

Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Ali Kourani, 17 Cr. 417 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

I write in accordance with the Court's suggestion, following the trial, to submit these post-trial motions pursuant to Rules 29 and 33 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

The bases for these motions are that: 1) the evidence at trial was insufficient to sustain a conviction and 2) that a new trial ought to be granted in the interest of justice because of erroneous jury instructions concerning the pre-arrest statements made by the defendant.

As discussed in Court, within the next week I will supplement these motions with a more fulsome filing. Thank you, your Honor.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Alexei Schacht

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cc: A.U.S.A. Amanda Houle (via ecf)
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